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TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, NZ
SUBJECT: HOUSE HEARING ON MEAT LEGISLATION

REF: STATE 131159

1. DURING CALL BY VISITING AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL MACKIE,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (TRADE POLICY)
E. H. WOODFIELD RAISED HIS CONCERN ONCE AGAIN REGARDING
A DISTURBING REPORT FROM THE NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY IN

WASHINGTON THAT A COUNTER-CYCLICAL FORMULA FOR LIMITING
MEAT IMPORTS MAY WELL EMERGE FROM THE CURRENT VANIK
COMMITTEE HEARINGS. ALTHOUGH WOODFIELD SAID HE
REALIZED THAT NEW ZEALAND VIEWS WERE KNOWN AND APPRECIATED
BY THE ADMINISTRATION, HE DID FEEL IT NECESSARY TO AGAIN
REGISTER HIS COUNTRY'S DEEP CONCERN.

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2. STABLE,NOT FLUCTUATING,ACCESS TO THE U.S. MARKET
IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE NEW ZEALAND BEEF INDUSTRY. SHOULD
ANY REDUCTION IN ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN MARKET OCCUR,
WOODFIELD WAS AT A LOSS TO SEE ANOTHER MARKET THAT
COULD ABSORB THIS AMOUNT. WOODFIELD SAID HE FOUND
THE PRESENT SITUATION A BIT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND
AS THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION ITSELF FOUND

THAT DOMESTIC PRODUCTION FACTORS, NOT IMPORT LEVELS,
WERE THE DETERMINANTS OF BEEF PRICES IN THE U.S.

3. WOODFIELD SAID, MOREOVER, THAT THE TIMING OF THESE
MOVES IS DIFFICULT, COMING AS THEY DO IN THE MIDST OF
THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS. A CUTBACK, OR THREAT OF FUTURE
CUTBACKS, IN BEEF EXPORTS TO THE U.S. MUST HAVE, SAID
WOODFIELD, AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP. WOODFIELD WAS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH
THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERATIONS AGAINST RESTRICTIONS
(PARA 2 REFTTEL) AND COULD ONLY HOPE THIS LINE OF
ARGUMENTATION WOULD PREVAIL.

4. GREATLY APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON MEAT IMPORT
LEGISLATION CONVEYED IN STATE 201635, WHICH WAS
RECEIVED JUST AS THIS MESSAGE HAD BEEN DRAFTED.
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